

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A system comprising at least one computer with at least one database of company innovation data resident thereon; wherein the system automatically summarizes company innovations, uses intelligent agents to automatically perform searches on the Internet to find competing ideas, and generates reports which list potential competitive strengths or weaknesses.
2. Cancelled
3. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 1 further comprising a query engine to determine and report some or all of the ideas that an individual has submitted over a selected time period.
4. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 1 further wherein employee performance, overall corporate innovation levels, and qualified and motivated employees are measured and determined in accordance with the innovations entered by employees into the system.
5. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 1 further wherein an employee enters hours spent, along with other resources that contributed to the innovation, so that IP assets can be assigned tangible values and tracked on the company's balance sheet.
6. (Previously Amended) A system for streamlining the process of creating, preserving and/or protecting proprietary assets, the system comprising at least one computer with at least one database of company innovation data resident thereon, wherein the system identifies, classifies, compiles, tracks and/or routes real-time innovation data automatically on a continuous basis, and provides instant access to the database of innovation information, taken from the group of innovation informations consisting of trade secret archives, patent filings, computed valuations, and user information, further wherein an employee thereby has instant access to her latest innovations and proprietary materials.

7. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 1 further adapted to an employee entering an intellectual creation taken from the group of intellectual creations consisting of documents, ideas, schematics, and the like, and receiving an immediate, time/date certification therefor.

8. (Original) The system of Claim 7, further wherein the employee can link more details on each submission, and other users can email comments and suggestions directly to the author, or optionally submit their own improvements as a new or supplemental innovation.